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SUBJ: LITHIUM HYDROXIDE; INQUIRY TO EMBASSY REGARDING POSSIBLE
AVAILABILITY FROM U.S. STOCKPILE

1. RECENTLY YPF, ARGENTINA GOVERNMENT PETROLEUM MONOPOLY, ISSUED
CALL FOR BIDS FOR 120 TONS LITHIUM HYDROXIDE WITH NO RESPONSE.
HOWEVER, ONE US COMPANY, WHILE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY OFFER ITSELF,
SUGGESTED TO ITS AGENT HERE THAT YPF MIGHT GO THROUGH DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF LITHIUM HYDROXIDE FROM US STOCKPILE.

2. LOCAL AGENT OF THIS US COMPANY RECENTLY VISITED EMBASSY TO
REQUEST ADVICE ON ACTION HE SHOULD TAKE RE THIS PROPOSAL. WE
TOLD HIM WE WOULD SEEK WASHINGTON ADVICE. LOCAL REP PLANS TO
TRAVEL TO US JANUARY 31, MAINLY ON OTHER MATTERS, AND HOPES TO
RECEIVE USG RESPONSE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON
REGARDING POSSIBILITY FOR RELEASE OF LITHIUM HYDROXIDE FROM US
STOCKPILE FOR YPF. WHAT PROCEDURE SHOULD YPF, OR LOCAL AGENT
US COMPANY, FOLLOW? IF STOCKPILE RELEASE NOT FEASIBLE, DOES
WASHINGTON HAVE ANY SUGGESTION WHERE YPF MIGHT OBTAIN
LITHIUM HYDROXIDE, WHICH APPARENTLY IT NEEDS ON URGENT
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